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SUBJECT: FISHERIES DISPUTE: AFTERMATH OK RECENT INCIDENT

REF: A( REYKJAVIK 1009; B) REYKJAVIK 1040

1. NO PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION RESULTED FROM FISHING BANKS COLLISION  
INCIDENT WHICH INDIRECTLY LED TO DEATH OF ICELANDIC COAST  
GUARDSMAN (REF A). AMPLE EVIDENCE EXISTS THOUGH THAT INCIDENT  
FURTHER INFLAMED GOVT AND PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST BRITISH AND  
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DECREASED POSSIBILITY THAT ANY SERIOUS EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO  
REACH NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

2. DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST BRITISH EMBASSY WERE PROBABLY DETERRED BY TWO FACTORS. FIRST, EVEN THOUGH GOI HAS LINKED DEATH OF SEAMAN TO RAMMING INCIDENT, THOSE ELEMENTS MOST VIOLENTLY OPPOSED TO BRITISH MAY HAVE BEEN CONTENT TO SETTLE FOR RESOLUTIONS DEMANDING WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH AMBASSADOR (REF B) AND TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER EPISODE WHERE BRITISH CULPABILITY COULD BE MORE DIRECTLY ESTABLISHED. SECOND, POLICE PROTECTION WAS RAPIDLY AND NOTICEABLY INCREASED. THERE HAS BEEN ONE POLICE VAN ON 24-HOUR DUTY AT BRITISH EMBASSY SINCE DEMONSTRATION LAST MAY. AS SOON AS NEWS OF MOST RECENT RAMMING INCIDENT MADE PUBLIC, ON-STATION PATROL VANS WERE INCREASED TO THREE, WITH TWO ROVING PATROL CARS CIRCLING BLOCK. THIS SERVED TO DISPERSE SMALL KNOTS OF IDLY CURIOUS PEDESTRIANS WHO COULD HAVE SERVED AS NUCLEUS FOR DEMONSTRATION. POLICE FORCES WERE REDUCED TO TWO VANS FOLLOWING WEEK-END.

3. BRITISH DCM TOLD EMBOFF THAT THERE HAD BEEN SEVERAL TELEPHONED BOMB THREATS ON AUGUST 31, WHICH HAD KEPT POLICE EXTREMELY ACTIVE CHECKING DELIVERIES TO EMBASSY AND PASSERSBY. SWITCHBOARD ALSO CLOGGED WITH TELEPHONE CALLS, MANY OF WHICH WERE ABUSIVE AND OBSCENE, PROTESTING BRITISH ACTIONS, DCM MORE CONCERNED OVER GOI ACTION THAN PUBLIC THREATS. HE SAID THAT ICELANDIC ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT WHICH INCLUDED PURSUIT OF CUTTER AEGIR WITHIN 12 MILES BY BRITISH TUG STATESMAN WAS ENTIRELY ERRONEOUS AND THAT STATESMAN WAS NOWHERE NEARBY AT THE TIME. IRVING

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